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1. General

No work whatsoever was undertaken between the period 21 December 1952 and 5 January 1953. The German workers engaged on the site have only received 60% of their wages and have become very discontented, progress having noticeably slackened.

2. Barrack Accommodation

Of the four barrack blocks under construction, one has now been completed and the remaining three have been built up as far as the first floor.

3. Heavy Building Equipment

During the period of report, two bulldozers and a mechanical scrubber (sic) have arrived on the site.

4. Personnel

The total number of German workers employed on the site has now risen to between 700 and 800, all members of the Bau Union, Brandenburg. [] this total is to be eventually increased up to 3000. [] if this total cannot be achieved from volunteers, then local conscription will be restored to. Due to general dissatisfaction over wages, numerous workmen have already left and commenced work at Peenemunde.

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5. Progress Of Work

(a) On the building site west of the Vietmannsdorf/Gross Dölln road, a series of poles surmounted by electric arc lamps have been erected. To date

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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no night work has been carried out, but it is understood that this will be the case in the future.

(b) A built-up concrete level crossing has been constructed on the road crossing over the railway siding adjoining the southern side of the airfield.

(c) Clearing and levelling has continued on the eastern portion of the project and only 100 meters now remain to be levelled before the boundary is reached. Considerable excavation is continuing in the most recently cleared 200 meters of ground, and concrete posts of various lengths are being sunk into the ground. [redacted] the excavations were intended for the fuel installation that was to be built there.

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6. Transport

The following vehicle was observed entering the site:

[redacted] Six-wheeled Studebaker type trucks. No details of the driver's uniform was obtainable.

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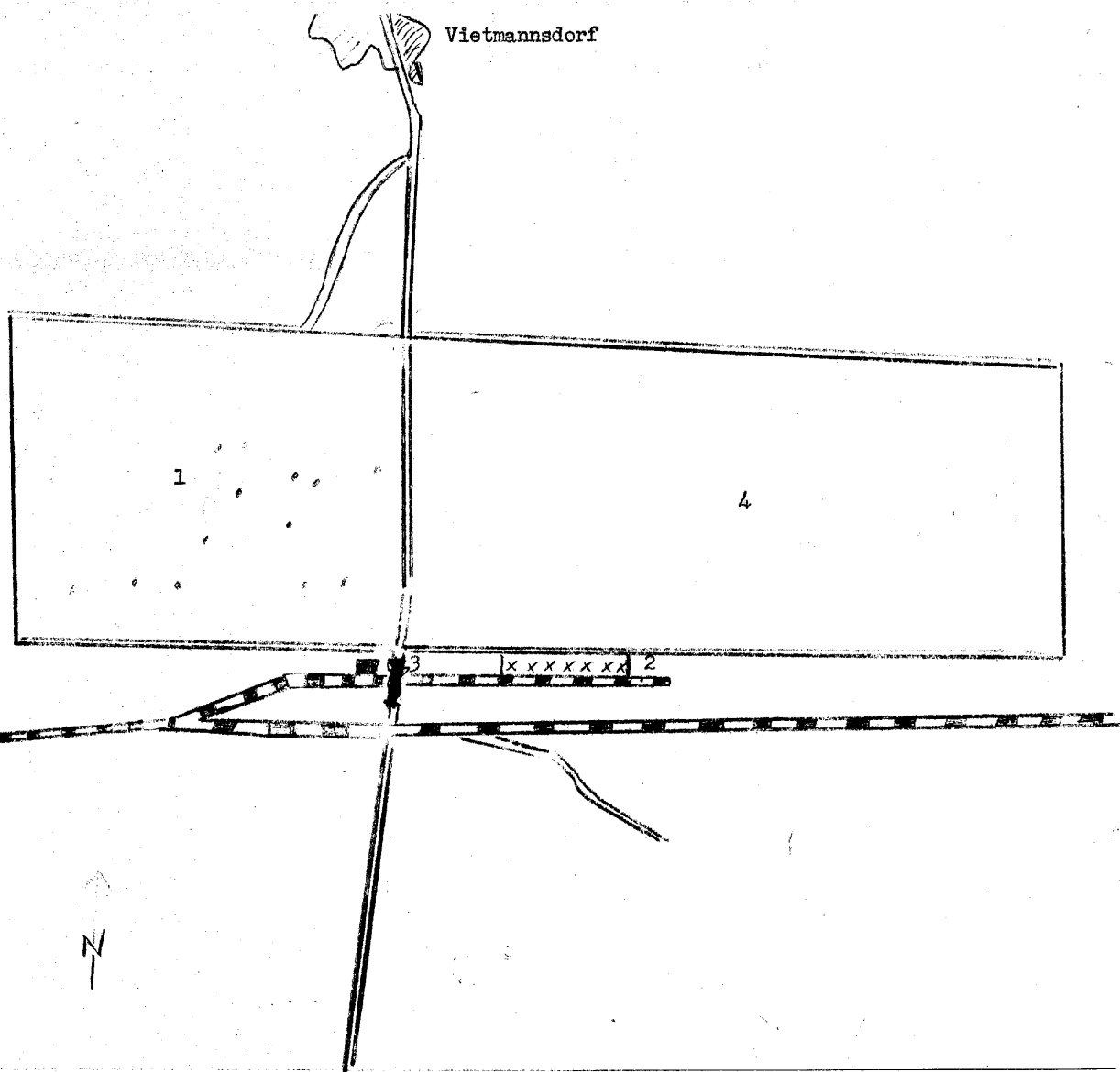
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1. Arc lamps for Field illumination
2. Concrete Underground Construction
3. Concrete Railway Crossing
4. Levelling Work

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